

Wild Horse & Burro Advisory Board Meeting Recommendations
Salt Lake City, UT – 10/28-29, 2002

1. The National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board reaffirms the importance of establishing AMLs as a fundamental element of managing the wild horse and burro program.
2. The National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board recommends BLM complete its FY 2003 national gather plan by January 2003.
3. The National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board recommends that BLM revise, in a timely manner, its current strategy to achieve AMLs giving consideration to scenarios such as emergency gathers, drought & fire and report back to the Advisory Board at its next meeting.
4. The National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board reaffirms the importance of a national marketing program lead.
5. Pursuant to the Advisory Board's previous recommendation that BLM perform an internal analysis of each program element to identify potential 10% cost savings, the National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board recommends BLM accelerate the evaluation of operational procedures and associated costs prior to March 2003.
6. The National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board recommends forming an internal core team, including Bill Higham, to review and update the Strategic Plan by March, 2003, for signature by the Director. The Board further recommends that this review include contingencies as well as a mechanism by which to continually determine that the strategy plan is on target.
7. The National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board recommends BLM issue a statement of commitment, in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding or Cooperative Agreement, to the Wild Horse & Burro Foundation within 60 days.
8. The National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board recommends the BLM enter into discussions with the Wild Horse & Burro Foundation and other potential partners to accomplish marketing.
9. The National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board recommends BLM obtain a formal written opinion from the Solicitor on placing horses or burros outside of the United States for long-term holding and/or sanctuary.
10. The National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board recognizes the need for integrated program management between the BLM and Forest Service and recommends that Robin Lohnes be a liaison from the Advisory Board to the Forest Service's wild horse and burro program.

11. The National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board recommends BLM continue to explore and encourage and identify potential private partnerships for achieving all aspects of the program.